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## POWERS AGREE ON ALBANIAN COMPACT

### CHARLES F. WOOD MAN BEHIND NEW HILO LINE

Breakwater Magnate Used Power to Steer Conness Franchise Bill Through Congress—Interest Will Be Revealed With Filing of Partnership Papers

Charles F. Wood, of the Breakwater Company of Philadelphia, is the man behind the Hilo Street Railway franchise and the proposed electric power system there.

Confirmation of this will be forthcoming in a day or two when the incorporation papers of the company formed to finance the project are filed with the Territorial treasurer, and may help to solve the mystery of how the enterprise, apparently of the "shoe-string" variety, has been carried through successfully and assures the town of Hilo a real live street railway system.

Ever since the first bill for a street railway franchise in the city of Hilo was introduced in the legislature of 1911, "the man behind it" has been more or less of a mystery. L. S. Conness, who did the work of getting the bill through the legislature would trace his backing only to W. H. Johnson of the Hawaii Herald and to himself. Consequently the scheme was locked upon as an effort to get a franchise and sell it, as neither Conness nor Johnson pretended to be millionaires or street railway builders.

After the franchise was worked through the legislature it was thought that it would surely fail in Washington, as neither of the applicants was presumed to have the backing or acquaintance in Washington necessary to pull such a measure through in a busy session of Congress. There was also pretty lively opposition, which was expected to block the franchise in Washington, if not here in Hawaii.

But all the predictions failed. Conness went on to Washington, and came back with the franchise approved by Congress. Then the knowing ones figured that the impossibility of the road and Hilo's hopes for the future influenced the kindly members of Congress to treat the plain citizens of Hilo and the modest franchise applicants to an opportunity, whether anything came of it or not.

It now comes out that "Breakwater" Wood, with his live-wire tactics that had already surprised the local builders of breakwaters, was the man behind it all. Mr. Wood's financial connections are of the best and his business acumen and financial capability were sufficient to carry the thing through.

Just why he did not come into the open at the time of the original application has not yet been explained. Wood didn't make much noise when he first came to the islands to look into breakwater construction here. The fact that Wood does not make much noise before hand is no indication that he lacks ability or that he is asleep at Waikele. Apparently he has become convinced of the certainties of the future for Hilo and Hawaii in general and believes that when the Hilo Harbor is completed and the railway extensions carried through on the big island there will be a wealth of opportunity for transportation expansion, and good return on transportation investments.

"It begins to look as if this was my home," said Mr. Wood the other day in speaking of his intention of re-

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### CONSUL EITAKE AT HOME AGAIN

After making a thorough investigation of the conditions of the Japanese schools on Hawaii, where he spent about two weeks, Japanese Consul-General Eitake returned this morning in the Kilaua. He did not visit his office this morning.

So far as is known, Eitake is satisfied with the general system of education in the Japanese schools, but reports that the dispute between the Buddhist and independent schools will be looked into more carefully before he, as the Mikado's representative in Hawaii, can intelligently report to the home government in Tokio.

Mr. Eitake will continue his investigation of the school affairs after the New Year.

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### KAISER AND CROWN PRINCE AT LOGGERHEADS WAR LORD ASSUMES THE ROLE OF PEACE MAKER

Hot-Headed Prince Demands That Germany Take Immediate Action to Force Hand of Serbia, and Oppose Her Claim for Seaport on the Adriatic, According to a Report in Berlin

(Special to The Star-Bulletin)

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 20.—Rumors are gaining ground in well-informed circles here that the Kaiser and his son, the crown prince, are at loggerheads again, this time over the situation in the Balkans. It is reported on good authority that the difficulty has reached a point where father and son are not on speaking terms and the adherents of the Kaiser are expecting him to administer one of his characteristic punishments upon the unruly heir apparent. The crown prince has been, says the rumor, mixing up in the political tangle brought about by the war in the Balkans. He is insisting that the Triple Alliance, headed by Germany intervene at once, and halt the march of the Servians to the Adriatic. He is said to have expressed himself contemptuously at the behavior of Austria, declaring that "she was afraid to act alone."

His majesty, on the other hand, is insisting that the crown prince keep out of politics, both national and international, and it is said will order the young man into retirement.

The trouble between imperial father and royal son dates from about a year ago. The exact origin of it is something of a mystery. Politicians tell us that it began when the Kaiser angrily rebuked the crown prince for his actions in the reichstag on the occasion of a fiery jingo anti-British speech by Dr. von Heydebrand. It will be remembered that the crown prince applauded the most rabid Anglo-phobia, and showed his approval of the speech by slapping his brother on the back. Of course this was indiscreet. Even the German newspapers, reticent and timorous as they are in commenting upon the actions of their royalty, chided the young man. Nevertheless his outburst was popular and the rebukes only added to the hold he had upon his future subjects' hearts.

This incident may have been, probably was, the actual dividing point, but the "little rift within the lute" started many years further back. Those who are old enough to remember had the opportunity to observe, say that when the crown prince was still a little kiddie in cricketerbockers he was not amenable to parental discipline. Self-willed, high-spirited, not particularly companionable, he was in a constant condition of quasi-revolt against his father's attempts to mould his character into a miniature of his own. He thought for himself. He had his own ideas, and he did not hesitate to express his dislike for many of the things his father loved and his liking for things his father loathed. But he was still too young for an open breach to be possible.

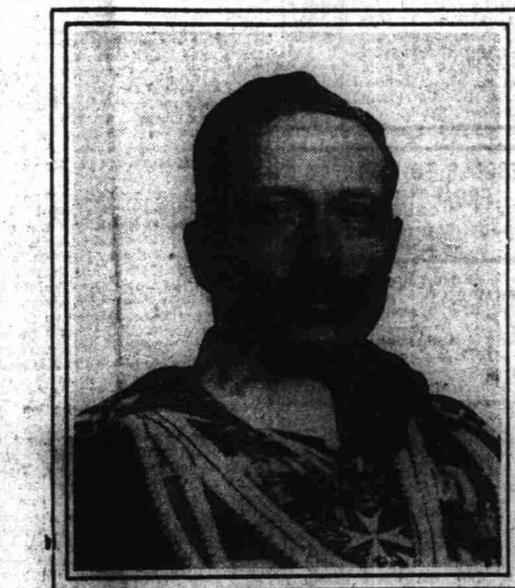
### SO. DAKOTA MAY REMAIN HERE A MONTH

That the cruiser South Dakota will be in port about January 6 for a brief stay in Hawaiian waters, is the information contained in a news dispatch from Mare Island, Rear Admiral Cowles, who is soon to be relieved as commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, stated this morning that he had no official advice as to the coming of the cruiser, but the news is considered authentic by naval men here, and both service and civilian society are looking forward to renewing acquaintance with the officers and men.

The "Ess Dee" is still commanded by Captain Frank Bennett, and while here have been a number of changes in the commissariat personnel, many of the officers who were on her during the long stay of the Pacific fleet here last year, are still aboard. It is possible that the South Dakota will remain here until Admiral Cowles turns over the local command to Admiral Moore, and that she will convey the former to San Francisco to take over command of the fleet.

The contract for dredging for the key-warehouse and battleship berth at Pearl Harbor, which was won by the Hawaiian Dredging Co. some weeks ago was signed up this morning, and op-

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Monarch of the German Empire, who is at loggerheads with his son, the Crown Prince, because of the latter's political activity.

### Artillery Officers Fly Hurdles To Form



SAFELY OVER WITH SOMETHING TO SPARE. Officers of the Fifth Cavalry flying bank and hedge in the Russian ride last Monday, over the cavalry steeplechase at Schofield Barracks.

### Russian Ride Completed This Morning with Only One Spill at the Jumps—Mounted Service on Oahu Has Made Good

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Dec. 20.—This morning the officers of the First Field Artillery, led by Major W. M. Cruikshank, completed the much-discussed Russian ride successfully, and Schofield Barracks has lapsed into its wonted calm. For a month past the spectre of the steeplechase has hung over the mounted service, and three serious accidents, resulting from falls at the jumps, have not served to improve the peace of mind of those who had to complete the test of horses and horsemanship. The fact that the former counted more than the latter has been the principal source of complaint, for any child could have negotiated the low hurdles and narrow ditches on a schooled jumper, while to get round the course within the time limit on green mounts was quite another matter.

There was only one spill during this morning's ride, and luckily it turned out to be more of an incident than an accident. First Lieutenant Ned B. Rehkopf went down at one of the jumps, but, like Captain Day of the cavalry in the previous test, he mounted again, took the hurdle, and finished inside the time limit.

The artillery officers rode a course of their own, measuring one mile, and intersected by two 3-foot hurdles and one 6-foot ditch. They made three circuits, taking therefore nine jumps in all. The cavalry, in their Russian ride last Monday, rode a course which measured a trifle more than two miles, on which they made one and a third laps, over nine jumps.

For another year, then, the officers of the First Field Artillery and Fifth Cavalry can turn their minds from steeplechasing to more purely military matters, although it is possible that more attention will be paid to jumping as a regular part of the schooling of officers' mounts.

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### WILLING TO GRANT HER AUTONOMY

### NOTLEY, BEATEN, MAY DISCONTINUE THE HOME RULA

The machinery of the Kuokoa Home Rula, political organ of the Home Rule party, owned by Charles K. Notley, was temporarily put out of commission last week, and the Home Rula failed to make its appearance in the homes of its supporters.

It was also reported that Notley's political organ would cease to exist. And following that the rumor grew that Notley, the leader of the Home Rule party, will join a new party, presumably the Progressive, to which D. Kalanokalani, Sr., vice president of the party, allied himself before the last election.

Notley has been in poor health for some time, and it is believed that he will not take active part in the political affairs of the Territory, and it was thought best for him to dispose of all

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### BRITAIN PAYS HONOR TO THE MEMORY OF REID

(Associated Press Cable)

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Representatives of royalty, the prime minister of Great Britain, the ministry, and the chancellors of Oxford and Cambridge, as well as a host of other dignitaries of the kingdom assembled in the Westminster Cathedral here today to pay honor to the memory of the late ambassador of the United States to the Court of St. James, Whitelaw Reid. It was one of the most impressive sights seen in London since the coronation of King George, despite the lack of the purely military features.

The body was removed to Portsmouth later this afternoon, where it will be placed upon the British cruiser Natal, while Nelson's famous flagship, the Victory, will fire a national salute from its ancient guns that fought the battle of Trafalgar.

### PRESIDENT TAFT WILL RESIDE IN CONNECTICUT CITY

(Associated Press Cable)

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 20.—President Taft will take up his residence in this city permanently as soon after his inauguration as possible, according to announcement that has been made here today. This step is taken by the President because of his acceptance of the offer he has received from Yale University to fill the chair of Constitutional Law here. It is probable that the Taft family will move here some time next summer, in order to get settled before the college year opens.

### SAM GOMPERS IN LONG CONFAB. WITH MR. WILSON

(Associated Press Cable)

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 20.—Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor held a long conference with President-elect Wilson this morning, at the Governor's mansion. Questioned by reporters after the conference, neither Mr. Gompers nor Mr. Wilson would make any statement regarding the nature of their

### Servia To Get Port On The Adriatic According To Understanding Which Six Of The Leading European Nations Have Entered

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Six great nations of Europe have practically agreed to grant the autonomy which Albania is demanding, and thereby remove her as a possible factor in further Balkan disturbances. In addition the agreement into which the Powers have entered provides that Servia shall have the port on the Adriatic which she has been fighting for, and will compel Austria to stand to one side. This is considered one of the most significant victories won by the Triple Alliance since its formation, as a counter balance to the Triple Alliance.

### AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO DEMANDS HARSH MEASURES

(Associated Press Cable)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—That sterner conduct of our affairs with Mexico is absolutely necessary, is the opinion of Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, Uncle Sam's representative at the capital of the southern Republic. In a communication to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations made public today, the Ambassador declares that unless President Taft is convinced of the necessity of immediately dealing with Mexican affairs with an iron hand that trouble between the two nations is almost inevitable.

The Ambassador states that the present government in Mexico is handicapped by the conditions confronting it and that it needs the assistance of a definite and strong policy of its northern neighbor in order to deal with its internal problems with anything like success. Mr. Wilson urges immediate action.

### NEGOTIATIONS MAY PROCEED; PORTE PERMITS

(Associated Press Cable)

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The permission for the peace negotiations to proceed without the signature of Greece to the armistice was granted by the Sublime Porte in a formal communication directed to the Turkish ambassadors here today. It is believed that this removes the last stumbling block in the path of the plenipotentiaries and that the work of the conference will be hurried as much as possible from now on.

### AUSTRIA MOBILIZING MAD KING OTTO TO BE DEPOSED NEXT YEAR

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)

MUNICH, Dec. 20.—The mad king, Otto, is to be deposed next year and the present prince regent, Ludwig, is to be crowned in his stead. This has been decided upon at a recent conference of the empire, held in Berlin.

All Gompers would say was that he had found the next President "exceedingly attentive to what" he had to say.